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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Objections

With respect to the objection to the dependency of claim 18, it is respectfully submitted that this has been corrected by making this claim dependent on claim 17 as suggested by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by Martinez (U.S. 20020142792 A1). In response to these claim rejections, Applicant has amended the claims of the current application to more clearly and distinctly define over the prior art cited. Claims 1-2 now define a method, device and computer program product wherein the user is able to temporarily enable a current user profile until such time as a switch condition is satisfied, whereupon the device automatically switches to a second profile.

Martinez describes a cellular telephone that automatically selects user preference information (e.g. event notification options) based on a sensed condition. The cell phone automatically changes from one profile to another profile based on a sensed state of the telephone/user (normal, working, meeting, traveling) using a complex finite state machine so that the phone always "knows" what state to apply. Should a user schedule a meeting for example, the device of Martinez automatically switches to the meeting profile at the time of the meeting and then switches to another profile at the end of the meeting. While a user is able to define the profiles to be use in event notification using this device, the user is passive as regards switching between profiles. In Martinez the switching between profiles is automatic, thus denying the user the type of manual override option that is provided by the present invention. As such, the present invention can be considered an enhancement of the technology described by Martinez. In order to underscore this distinction, Applicant has inserted the claim language to specify that a first user notification profile is enabled in response to a user input, whereupon the device automatically switches to a second user notification profile when a switch condition is satisfied. This limitation is neither taught nor suggested by Martinez.

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Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the claims, as amended, are novel and non-obvious
with respect to Martinez.

Concluding Remarks

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in a
condition for immediate allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully solicits the prompt issuance
of a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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